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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CHEYER, ET AL.

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EXAMINER: LEWIS A. BULLOCK, JR.

ART UNIT: 2151

For: EXTENSIBLE SOFTWARE-BASED ARCHITECTURE FOR COMMUNICATION AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND BETWEEN COMMUNITIES OF DISTRIBUTED AGENTS AND DISTRIBUTED OBJECTS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2002, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 30, 2002.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In the Office Action, the Abstract was objected to because it exceeded 150 words. A clean version of a replacement Abstract is attached herewith.

A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph is provided as an attachment to this paper. The attached pages are captioned "Version of Abstract With Markings To Show Changes Made."